Cult of St. Sebastian in Istria

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Sebastian is only one of the many saints honored in the Catholic world and invoked against different illnesses and misfortunes. The cult of this martyr who lived in the 3rd century A.D. appeared in Istria probably in the early Middle Ages and became a part of the popular "arsenal" against plague. In time, it was replaced by the cult of another late medieval saint, Rochus. Therefore, probably today's traces of the cult of St. Sebastian in Istria (three churches, frescos, paintings and statues) represent only meager remains of a once rich expansion.

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